

veterans, and extend the coordination of case management services for homeless veterans.

Elsewhere in the area of housing, the bill expands eligibility for VA Home Loan Guaranty Program to more members of the National Guard and Reserves, reduces the home loan funding fee for veterans impacted by disasters, and extends home loan funding fee rates through 2030.

In a provision especially timely, the bill provides retraining Assistance for Veterans and provides the VA and Labor Secretaries access to the Federal directory of new hires to assist in veterans employment, expand the VET TEC training program for more veterans, extend the Off-Base Transition Training program, and direct VA to provide grants to community organizations for veteran transition assistance programs.

Finally, the bill expands federal aid to counties for veterans' cemeteries; increases funds for State, county, and tribal veterans' cemeteries operating and maintenance expenses; and provides urns and commemorative plaques for deceased veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support these bipartisan, common-sense reforms that would honor and provide for our veterans, who answered the call of their nation and were willing to risk and give all so that we can remain free.

I urge all Members to join me in voting to pass Senate Amendment to H.R. 7105, the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020.

HONORING MRS. IDALIA DOMÍNGUEZ DE MARTY FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER

### HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 18, 2020*

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the longest-serving Puerto Rican Congressional staffer, Mrs. Idalia Domínguez de Marty, whom everybody knows her by her nickname "Pichy", for forty years of dedicated service.

Pichy was born and raised in Guayama, Puerto Rico, with family, faith, and education at the center of her upbringing. A committed public servant, her career with the U.S. House of Representatives began in 1980 under the tenure of Congressman Robert García, and in 1990, Congressman José E. Serrano retained her on his staff, where she has proven to be one of the most reliable and trusted staffers on both New York and Puerto Rico issues.

Throughout her service in Congress, Pichy has played a key role in mentoring younger generations who are committed to public service. As an example of that vision, she was instrumental in the implementation of the Córdova & Fernós Congressional Internship Program—an educational program created in 1993 by the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico to provide outstanding college students on the Island the opportunity to spend a semester in Washington, D.C. and enjoy the experiences that before were available only to students at mainland institutions.

In her role as Chief Administrator, she has never sought credit for herself and has always

sought to empower other staff members to succeed and serve the American people, with humility and conviction. In addition to her outstanding interpersonal skills, she has handled all or her duties with responsibility, determination, and leadership.

Besides her commitment to constituent service, Pichy has been a leader in Puerto Rico policy issues in Congress and has long advocated for statehood and full equality for our beloved Island. For forty years, Pichy has been on the right side of history, always providing good counsel with both frankness and discretion to statehood leaders. For this, I am truly grateful.

A devout Catholic, Pichy practices her faith living it by example every day, helping the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our society.

In short, Pichy is faith-filled, compassionate, loyal, and an effective manager, and all who have known and worked with her feel privileged for it. Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mrs. Idalia Domínguez de Marty, our dear "Pichy", for forty years of exceptional public service.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 18, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on December 16, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 18, 2020*

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I had to miss votes on December 16, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CARL WILKERSON

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 18, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Carl Wilkerson, a dear friend and inspiration to many throughout North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Mr. Wilkerson was born on March 7, 1935 to the late Willie Wilkerson and Anna Irene White Wilkerson. A native of Rowan County, he served over 32 years as the custodian at China Grove Elementary School.

Mr. Wilkerson made a profound difference in this community. We often highlight educators and their influence on the lives of children. Carl Wilkerson made an impact on the lives of all the children educated at China Grove Elementary School.

Former students and educators alike remember that Carl always had a kind word for everyone, encouraged students and made each one feel special. He is the perfect example of a person who quietly but surely makes a community great.

Mr. Wilkerson passed away on November 22, 2020 and left behind a legacy of kindness and compassion. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who knew and loved him. Mr. Wilkerson will live on in the hearts and minds of all who felt his kindness and I join the entire community in honoring his quiet, but extraordinary life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Carl Wilkerson.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN JAMIE D. CLARK

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 18, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Captain Jamie D. Clark of the Pennsylvania State Police on her upcoming retirement on January 8, 2021. Captain Clark is currently the only female troop commander in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Captain Clark joined the Pennsylvania State Police in 1991. After graduating from the Academy, she was assigned to Troop A in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. She has also served on Troop D in Butler, Pennsylvania and is currently the Commanding Officer of Troop G in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. She also has served on the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the Bureau of Gaming Enforcement, and the Bureau of Training and Education.

Captain Clark had served as a corporal, a sergeant, and a lieutenant before being promoted to a captain in April of 2019. Additionally, she graduated from the 392 Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command.

Captain Clark's outstanding career in law enforcement across southwestern and southcentral Pennsylvania is a true legacy of service. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Captain Clark on her retirement and wish her every continued happiness in the chapters to come.

### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF FORMER COUNCILWOMAN CATHY REYNOLDS

#### HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 18, 2020*

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of Former Denver City Councilwoman Cathy Reynolds who passed away on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at the age of 75.

Cathy was a leader, fighter and history maker from Colorado. She was a trailblazer-Denver City Council's first elected Councilwoman and also its longest serving member. Originally from Kansas City, Missouri, Cathy moved to Denver in the mid-1960's when her